

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-19 have been rejected.

Claims 1-7, 10 and 12 have been amended.

New claims 20-27 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application, is respectfully requested.

35 USC § 102(e) - Hong

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application No. 2003/0043109 to Hong ("Hong").

Claim 1 recites in part:

"a housing;

a handle coupled to the housing, the handle extending beyond a top edge of the housing to provide a top edge clearance and extending away from a back side of the housing to provide a back side clearance,  
wherein the handle is to remain in a fixed position;

a keyboard tray coupled to the housing, the keyboard tray including a stand and a keyboard, wherein the keyboard tray is unfolded from the housing to support the housing in an upright position."

(Emphasis added).

Hong teaches "the handle is extendable from the enclosure and retractable into the enclosure". (Page 5, claim 1). Applicants submit that this is different from the limitations as claimed in claim 1 where "the handle is to remain in a fixed position".

Applicants submit that the 102(e) rejection has been overcome and claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over Hong. At least for the same reason, claims 20, 23 and their corresponding dependent claims are also patentable over Hong.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (916) 377-3578.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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